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The Village Board would also like to share its sincere appreciation for the many dedicated festival volunteers who contributed to make our Community Festival a hugely memorable and successful day! THANK YOU!

Cross Connection Control Surveys

Did you know the Wisconsin DNR requires water utilities to document completion of cross connection control surveys to help protect our drinking water distribution system from outside contamination? Residents who don't recall having one done in the past 5 years should call to schedule an in-home survey. A brochure is also posted on our website under the "Utilities" button; please call 493-2122 to schedule one in September.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

Village Board Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017,
6:30pm
(immediately follows the 6pm Plan Commission Meeting)

Brush Pick-Up Dates
Brush Pick-up: twice a month

SEPTEMBER 13 & 27
Please place your yard waste at curbside in CLEAR plastic bags; sticks or branches must be in neat 4' x 4' x 8' piles (or smaller) and aligned linear to street with easy access for pick up by our tractor **without driving on grass/lawns.**

Village Board of Review
September 18, 2017
2 pm until Adjournment

Please refer to the Village's posted BOR notice for legal requirements if you intend to contest your property's 2017 appraised valuation at the BOR.

Direct Payment of Utility Bills

We encourage our water-sewer utility customers to pay their monthly bills directly from a bank account by completing the ACH Direct Debit Form available on our Village website under the tab "Municipal Forms." This automated payment method provides one more way to simplify your life and save time and money. Over 40% of our current utility customers are using this simple payment method. Please call the Village office if you have questions, or need help with the ACH form.

VILLAGE VOICE

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Minutes of the Village Board Meeting of August 8, 2017

President Hahn called the Village Board meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Board members present upon roll call included Nick Hahn, George Naxera, Garry Bahe and Phil Budde. Jim Malmberg was excused absent. Village Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Ron Senger was also present.

President Hahn examined the affidavit of posting and verified that advance public notice of the meeting conformed to statutory requirements.

Public Input: None.

Budde/Bahe moved that the Board approve the recommendation of the Plan Commission to grant a Conditional Use Permit to Jeff Clapero to build a 24' X 32' accessory building on his property at 247 Church Street. **Motion carried.**

Following review of the Village's outstanding bills and prepaid expenses, Budde/Hahn moved to approve payment of the bills as listed on the agenda. Upon roll call vote, **motion carried.**

Hahn/Budde moved to approve the monthly financial reports including the balance sheet and budget comparison by fund account for July, 2017. **Motion carried.**

Budde/Naxera moved to approve the draft Minutes of the July 11, 2017 Village Board meeting. **Motion carried.**

Bahe/Hahn moved to approve the draft Minutes of the July 19, 2017 Village Board Special Meeting. **Motion carried.**

Naxera/Bahe moved to approve the application of Larry Schultz for an Operator/bartender license. Larry will be employed by CG's Pub & Grub. **Motion carried.**

Administrator's Report:

Board Members received copies of the June 5, 2017 meeting Minutes of the Merrimac Area Fire Commission, Sauk Prairie School Board meeting Minutes for June 12, 2017, and the Village Inspection Report for August 4, 2017. Ron reported that Davis Construction had completed the asphalt road patch for improved surface drainage near 606 Lake Wisconsin Drive on July 26th. By the first week of August Village staff had finished the gravel and soil grading along the roadside where the asphalt repair had been done. Justin spread grass seed on the new soil and placed cones and barricades along the edge of the asphalt until the grass and shoulder is more firmly established. Also during the first week of August, the Village's new (replacement) decorative streetlight pole and fixture for 226 West Main Street was delivered. Ron is coordinating to have an electrician onsite with a bucket truck to set the new pole in place by mid-September.

Ron provided a positive preliminary financial report following the 2017 Merrimac Community Festival that was held on Saturday August 5, 2017. The weather was perfect and the participation level at both parks was very good. He also noted the cash donations prior to the festival day had been at the highest level in the five years he has been involved with the festival planning committee. With \$3,700 collected in cash donations prior to festival day, Ron estimated the preliminary net profits (after all expenses are paid) should fall in the range of \$5,300-\$5,500 for future Village park improvements. Additional details will be available following the 2017 Festival closeout meeting scheduled for 6 pm on Tuesday, August 22. Please see the reverse side of this newsletter for more about the 2017 Merrimac Community Festival.

Water & Sewer Operations:

Ron had no significant items to report for water and sewer operations and no additional zoning items for discussion.

With no further matters brought before the Board, Naxera/Bahe moved to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried** and the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald D. Senger

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